



UNIVERSITY OF
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FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

PHIL 347 Lec 01
“Contemporary Moral Problems”
Winter Term 2015

Course Outline

Lectures: MF 8:00-9:15 ST 130

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Course Description

This course will cover the following disputed ethical issues: genetic enhancement; euthanasia and assisted suicide; world hunger and poverty; ethical treatment of animals; and the environment and consumption. These issues have been selected to illustrate various moral considerations including the value of life, our relations to distant others and the scope of our moral obligations. By looking at disputed ethical issues the aim is to learn more about moral considerations as well as to learn how to formulate and evaluate moral positions about ethical issues. The objectives of the course include: learning to identify the facts and values appealed to in arguments about disputed ethical issues; learning to identify moral frameworks appealed to in arguments about disputed ethical issues; learning about the role of moral theory in thinking about disputed ethical issues; and learning how to evaluate philosophical arguments about disputed ethical issues.

Required Texts

Disputed Moral Issues, 3rd edition. Edited by Mark Timmins. Oxford University Press, 2013

Course Requirements

Two in-class tests: worth 17%

First test: February 13	7%
Second test: April 13	10%

Five short written assignments: worth 75%

Assignment 1: due February 2	15%
Assignment 2: due February 23	15%
Assignment 3: due March 16	15%
Assignment 4: due April 6	15%
Assignment 5: due April 17	15%

In-class written assignments: worth 8%

These will be assigned in class on an irregular basis.

The grade will be calculated on the number completed out of the total number assigned.

There will be no Registrar scheduled final exam.

All requirements except the in-class assignments must be passed in order to pass the class.

Evaluation of writing is an important component of the grade in this class.

Late assignments:

Missed exams require documented medical or other reasons. Late written assignments will be penalized at the rate of 5% per day unless documented medical or other reasons are presented. In-class assignments may only be done in the class in which they are assigned.

Letter Grade Conversion Table

A+	97 –100 %	C+	67-69.9 %
A	92-96.9 %	C	64-66.9 %
A-	86-91.9 %	C-	60-63.9 %
B+	80-85.9 %	D+	55-59.9 %
B	75-79.9 %	D	50-54.9 %
B-	70-74.9 %	F	0- 49.9 %

Academic Honesty

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